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1. HERewith FULL TEXT MURREY MARDER COLUMN, WASHPOST, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, TITLED "CHALLENGING KISSINGER'S 'SECOND HAT.'"

2. CHALLENGES TO HENRY KISSINGER ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED LESE MAJESTE SINCE HE WAS BLOODIED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE IN THE CONGRESSIONAL UPRISING IN OCTOBER OVER THE TURKISH MILITARY AID CUTOFF. SOME CUTS GO DEEPER THAN OTHERS, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE AIMED AT HIS HEAD.

3. WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE LEAVES THE COUNTRY, WHICH IS WHAT HE DOES MOST, TWO OFFICES GO ABROAD WITH HIM, NOT ONE. WRITING IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF FOREIGN POLICY, RAY S. CLINE, ONE OF THE RELATIVELY RECENT FORMER SUBORDINATES-TURNED-ADVERSARY, HAS REVIVED, WITH INTENSIVE ARGUMENTATION, THE DEMAND FOR LOPPING OFF KISSINGER'S "SECOND HAT," THE POST OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

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4. ON THE NIGHT OF OCT. 24, 1973, THE NIGHT OF THE GLOBAL

U.S. MILITARY ALERT IN THE MIDST OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR, WHILE PRESIDENT NIXON "STAYED UPSTAIRS IN THE WHITE HOUSE FAMILY QUARTERS," CLINE WRYLY RECALLS "A CURIOUS

LITTLE RUMP NSC" (NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL) MEETING.

5. AS "AN NSC STAFF MAN SAID AT THAT TIME," CLINE WRITES, THE PRINCIPALS IN THAT CRITICAL MEETING WERE "KISSINGER, KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER."

6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE EVIDENTLY DID NOT HEAR THE CAUSTIC CHARACTERIZATION, OR THAT AIDE'S HAT WOULD BE GONE FROM THE NSC STAFF. ACCORDING TO CLINE, WHOSE OWN DEPARTURE AS STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH CAME A FEW WEEKS LATER, THE FACT THAT KISSINGER WAS STRADDLING TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT U.S. POSTS AT A MOMENT OF HIGH CRISIS, EXEMPLIFIED THE DANGER IN THE FACT

THAT "THE DECISION-MAKING MACHINERY OF OUR GOVERNMENT AT THE TOP DURING THE NIXON ERA BECAME SO CONSTRICTED AND NARROW THAT IT JEOPARDIZED THE ORDERLY WORKINGS OF GOVERNMENT."

7. THE PROBLEM OF TOO NARROW DECISION MAKING AT THE TOP HAS BY NO MEANS DISAPPEARED WITH MR. NIXON, CLINE MAINTAINS, BUT CONTINUES TO BOTTLE UP PRESIDENT FORD'S OPTIONS AS LONG AS ONE MAN IS BOTH SECRETARY OF STATE AND PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY. IN ORDER TO END "A PRIVILEGED, SECRET DUUMVIRATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENT," TO "RESTORE THE NSC TO VIGOR," AND TO ASSURE THAT THE PRESIDENT "PERSONALLY IS IN CHARGE" AND "GETS UNVARNISHED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND ESTIMATES BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO HIS ATTENTION," THE TWO POSITIONS MUST BE SEPARATED, CLINE INSISTS, AS THEY WERE BEFORE KISSINGER MOVED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER, 1973.

8. "NOW THAT THE IMMEDIATE DANGER IS PAST," CLINE ARGUES, "WE MUST RESTORE THE SYSTEM TO ITS PEAK PERFORMANCE," FOR "IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN POLICY-MAKERS AND BUREAUCRATS DIMINISHED

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MARKEDLY." DESPITE KISSINGER'S "ELOQUENT STATEMENTS ON THE NEED TO BUILD A CONSENSUS IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY," CLINE WRITES, KISSINGER CONTINUES TO SOAR ALONE, WHILE "THE BRILLIANT THEATRICALS OF AIRBORNE DIPLOMACY AND TV PUBLICITY, AT WHICH KISSINGER IS SO SKILLFUL, SHOW MAINLY SURFACE HIGHLIGHTS, NOT THE SUBSTANCE OF POLICY AIMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS."

9. "THERE IS NOTHING PERSONAL ABOUT THIS," CLINE TOLD A REPORTER THE OTHER DAY WITH A STRAIGHT FACE. TO THE KISSINGER CAMP, THAT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ADVOCATING IMPERSONAL DECAPITATION.

10. IN THE KISSINGER ENTOURAGE, IT IS CONSIDERED DOGMA THAT THE "TWO HAT" CHALLENGE WAS EFFECTIVELY BURIED IN THE WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN BY PRESIDENT FORD LAST OCT. 9, WHEN HE VIRTUALLY PLEDGED KISSINGER ABSOLUTE TENURE "FOR THE SUPERB JOB THAT HE HAS DONE SINCE HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (SIC) AND ALSO AS SECRETARY OF STATE."

11. IN THE INITIAL ATTEMPT TO SPLIT THE TWO KISSINGER HATS LAST SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, AT LEAST ONE PROTAGONIST PRIVATELY CONCEDED AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE: TO SQUEEZE KISSINGER OUT OF OFFICE BY LOPPING OFF ONE HAT, CONVINCED THAT KISSINGER WOULD NOT TOLERATE IT.

12. A SENIOR KISSINGER ASSOCIATE AGREED THAT A RESIGNATION WOULD BE ALMOST A CERTAINTY, IN THAT EVENT: "I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE QUIT. WHAT WOULD YOU PEOPLE BE WRITING? THAT HE LOST POWER--RIGHT? SO HE COULD NOT AFFORD THAT LOSS OF PRESTIGE--EVEN IF EBENEZER SCROOGE WAS PUT IN THE NSC POST--IT WOULDN'T MATTER WHO GOT THE JOB, BUT THAT IT WAS TAKEN FROM HIM."

13. KISSINGER HAS SAID VIRTUALLY THE SAME IN PRIVATE, ACKNOWLEDGING, WITH A MEANINGFUL GRIN, THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF HAVING SOMEONE IN THE WHITE HOUSE JOB WHO CAN DO TO HIM WHAT HE DID TO WILLIAM P. ROGERS WHEN ROGERS WAS SECRETARY OF STATE.

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14. BUT KISSINGER IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY EXPOSED ON ANOTHER FLANK, TO WHICH HE IS MORE SENSITIVE: CHARGES THAT HE IS NOT IN WASHINGTON LONG ENOUGH TO PERFORM BOTH JOBS PROPERLY.

15. THE SATIRE THAT MOUNTINGLY ACCOMPANIES EACH TRIP ABROAD COULD, IN TIME, RIVAL THE PLAUDITS. THAT WOULD BE MOST HURTFUL OF ALL. KISSINGER HAS VOWED, WITH GROWING DETERMINATION, TO CURTAIL TRAVEL, TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY,

YET HE CONTINUES TO DO NONE OF THESE. "HE'S LIKE AN ALCOHOLIC," A LOYAL AIDE RUEFULLY SAID. "HE CAN'T QUIT THE HABIT." (END TEXT.) SISCO

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